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SUBJECT: PROPOSED TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC AGREEMENT WITH GOP

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1. COL. CARMELITO BELTRAN OF PAF AND TYPHOON MODIFICATION COUNCIL HAS CONVEYED TO US INFORMAL GOP REACTION TO DRAFT PROPOSED AGREEMENT. GOP EXAMINATION IS BEING CONDUCTED BY SEVEN-MEMBER INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF GENERAL FLORENCIO MEDINA, CHAIRMAN OF NATIONAL SCIENCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD, AND WITH COL. BELTRAN DESIGNATED AS LIAISON WITH THE EMBASSY.

2. PRINCIPAL GOP CONCERN, ALSO EARLIER VOICED BY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MELCHOR, IS THAT AGREEMENT OUGHT PROVIDE BASIS FOR CONCRETE COLLABORATION RATHER THAN SIMPLY BE CONCLUDED AS END IN ITSELF. GOP COMMITTEE THUS BELIEVES IT USEFUL TO BEGIN BY LISTING, PERHAPS IN AN ANNEX, THOSE EXISTING PROJECTS OR ONGOING INFORMAL COOPERATIVE VENTURES WHICH SHOULD BE FORMALIZED IN SEPARATE ARRANGEMENTS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 8 OF DRAFT TEXT. EXAMPLE COL. BELTRAN CITED WAS TYPHOON MODERATION RESEARCH IN WHICH THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF COOPERATION BUT NO FORMAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN PAF AND NOAA.

3. WE TOLD COL. BELTRAN WE WOULD TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT
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THE GOP COMMITTEE PROPOSES AND FORWARD IT TO WASHINGTON.

COL. BELTRAN ALSO SAID THE COMMITTEE WOULD PUT DOWN IN WRITING QUESTIONS OR MODIFICATIONS REGARDING THE DRAFT WHICH IT WOULD LIKE US TO CONSIDER.

4. IN ANTICIPATION OF GOP LIST AND AS A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO IDENTIFY THOSE PROJECTS AND FORMULATION OF THOSE PROJECTS WHICH USG CAN LIVE WITH AS INDICATIVE GOALS. WE UNDERSTAND NIH AND PHS HAVE SOME CONTRACTS WITH PHILIPPINE INSTITUTIONS WHICH COULD BE CONSIDERED AS FALLING WITHIN THE TYPE OF SCIENTIFIC COLLABORATION TO BE PROMOTED.
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